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Subject: ambassador convoked over u.s. Attacks

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b), (d).

¶1. (C) Summary: On October 29, Pakistani xxxxxxxxxxxx convoked Ambassador to raise several recent hot-button issues. In response to a Pakistani Senate resolution, xxxxxxxxxxxx raised protests against alleged U.S. attacks inside Pakistani territory. He reiterated MFA requests to repatriate Aafia Siddiqi and pushed back on pending 1267 cases. The protests were largely pro forma but the meeting is already being reported in Pakistani press as MFA's "strong protest" against U.S. violations of sovereignty. End Summary.

¶2. (C) On October 27, the Pakistani Senate passed a resolution strongly condemning alleged attacks by U.S. drones in Pakistani territory. The Senators called upon the GOP to convey this protest to U.S. and NATO/ISAF authorities. In response, Acting xxxxxxxxxxxx convoked Ambassador to register their ongoing complaints. xxxxxxxxxxxx repeated previous GOP statements condemning the violation of territorial integrity and also reiterated that such attacks undermine political solutions in the tribal areas of Pakistan. Ambassador noted the ongoing and successful military cooperation between the U.S. and Pakistan.

¶3. (C) xxxxxxxxxxxx also raised concern about Dr. Aafia Siddiqi's repatriation and the whereabouts of her two young children. Ambassador made it clear that U.S. authorities do not know the whereabouts of the children, who have never been in U.S. custody, and noted that the Pakistani Embassy has been given full consular access to Siddiqi. xxxxxxxxxxxx was aware that Siddiqi is currently being assessed for mental fitness to stand trial in the U.S., but noted that the MFA had been required to report to the Islamabad High Court on a case demanding that the GOP repatriate Siddiqi.

¶4. (C) xxxxxxxxxxxx lastly raised the issue of 1267 case statements, particularly four new cases including that of former Director General of ISI Hamid Gul. xxxxxxxxxxxx requested that the case statements include more verifiable evidence so that the GOP would not block them. He suggested that more intelligence sharing early in the process would expedite these cases and highlighted cases regarding terrorism financing where technical evidence might be shared. Additionally, he suggested that the cases be disaggregated to allow the easy one to go forward faster. By submitting the 1267 cases in a block, the GOP refuses them in a block as well even if some would pass independently.

¶5. (C) Comment: Despite the MFA's media statement, xxxxxxxxxxxx delivered his concerns in a pro forma manner. We have told the MFA repeatedly that there currently is no legal basis to repatriate Siddiqi, and we have no idea on the location of her other two children.

Patterson